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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:
Jonathan Meigs, et al.



Docket: 30-4590 (4950)

Serial Number: 09/361,458

Group Art Unit: 2832

Filed: July 27, 1999

Examiner: Karl Easthom

For: COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING INTEGRAL RESISTORS IN
PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARDS

RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response in the above captioned application.

Petition for Extension of Time: The Applicant(s) hereby petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response to the Office Action mailed March 30, 2004 from June 30, 2004 to August 30, 2004.

The following fee is applicable:

Ext. fee for response within 2nd month	\$ 420.00
TOTAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT	<u>\$ 420.00</u>

A credit card authorization for \$420.00 is attached.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-1589.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Roberts", written over a horizontal line.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 30, 2004, please consider the following remarks:

REMARKS

The examiner has rejected claims 37-40, 43, and 48 under 35 U.S.C. 102 over O'Bryan. Applicants respectfully assert that this ground of rejection is improper since this reference is not available as prior art. The present application has a priority date of July 31, 1998 since it claims priority to Provisional Application Serial No. 60/094,746 filed on that date. However, the O'Bryan reference has an effective filing date from its parent application of February 1, 1999. Thus, since the priority date of the present application (July 31, 1998) pre-dates the filing date of O'Bryan (February 1, 1999), O'Bryan is not available as prior art against the present application, and this ground of rejection should be withdrawn.